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Films, Video and Discussion to Provide Unique Perspective About Urban Land Use in Downtown San Diego

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library and the Media Arts Center San Diego's Teen Producers will present a unique perspective about urban land use entitled "In the Shadow of Petco Park" on Sunday, April 3 at 2 p.m. The program will be comprised of film screenings, including a documentary by San Diego teens; a discussion with folklorist Anton Minard, who helped collect stories about downtown from residents and businessman; and video clips from a few of the stories. This event is free and open to the public.

Facilitating the discussion will be Kelly Mayhew, Ph.D, and Jim Miller, Ph.D, associate professors of English at San Diego City College and co-authors along with Mike Davis of "Under the Perfect Sun: The San Diego Tourists Never See" (New Press, 2003). The program will be held in the third floor lecture hall at the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego.

San Diego's bustling downtown has been called a perfect example of a changing cityscape, harboring both good and bad scenes that are being replicated more and more frequently in cities worldwide. With much of the mainstream media's continual emphasis on the positive side of urban renewal, "In the Shadow of Petco Park" was designed with the intention of revealing some of the seldom reported human effects of redevelopment.

The program includes the screenings of "Chavez Ravine: A Los Angeles Story," telling the story of the poor community that vanishes to make way for Dodger Stadium, and "Donde Yo Vivi," a short video documentary by local youth, that looks at a mother and daughter who organize to keep their Sherman Heights community together after being evicted from their long time home. A discussion addressing the local impacts of redevelopment will follow the screenings.

For more information about the program, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>.

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